ओपेनकास्ट खान के परिचालन क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत आता है तथा भंडारों का उत्खनन किया जा रहा है। दूसरी खान के भंडार समाप्त हो जाने के कारण उसे बंद कर दिया गया है। अतः इस खान को पुनः आरंभ किए जाने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Indo-China task force

5065. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint Indo-China task force has been set up in the coal sector;

(b) if so, the main objectives of constituting the task force;

(c) whether this task force has started functioning; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to promote the export/import of coal between both the countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Task Force is to review the progress and take corrective action as and when necessary for proper implementation of the cooperation programme in the coal sector and it will start functioning after the names of the representatives of concerned agencies are received.

(d) No such proposal for export/import of the coal between the two countries is presently under consideration of the Ministry of Coal

Rescue stations near coal mines to meet the emergent situation

5066. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a large number of rescue stations to deal with any emergent situation in the mines owned by coal companies?

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received the reports of coal mine accidents which took place during the past three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are six main rescue stations and 18 rescue rooms functioning in voribus subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited (CIL).

(c) and (d) Every accident involving fatalites is enquired by the Internal Safety Organisation (ISO) of concerned coal company. Normally, the enquiry reports of the ISO are made available in a month's time.

Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), under Mines Act 1952 a statutory authority also enquires into accidents involving fatalities and their enquiry is generally completed in a period of three months.

Production of coal from underground and open cast mines

5067. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 827 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March, 1995 and state:

(a) grade-wise production of coal from underground mines and open cast mines during last four years; and

(b) how far the steps taken by Government have helped in increasing good quality coal in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The grade-wise/mode-wise production of coal in the country for the last four years was as under:

GRADE-WISE PRODUCTION

(figures in million tonnes)

	91-92	92-93	93-94	94-95 (prov.)
Coking Coal	46.28	45.36	45 06	44.25
Non-Coking				
Grade A	4.23	4.49	4.30	4.46
B	21.15	22.15	21.44	22.83
C	47.89	48.52	47.41	48.46
D	24.26	24.40	29·00	29.64
E	32.23	35.48	38.51	40.68
F	49.04	54.06	56.16	58.64
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Upgraded	4.43	3.80	4.11	4.80
Total Non-Coking	183.00	192.90	200.98	209.56
Grand Total	229.28	238.26	246.04	253.81

MODE-WISE PRODUCTION

(Figuries in million tonnes)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95 (prov.)
Under ground	73.49	73.54	75.02	75.19
Open Cast	155.79	164.72	171.02	178.62
Overall	229.28	238.26	246.04	253.81

The existing information system does not yield information regarding gradewise break up of opencast and underground production separately.

(b) Steps taken to produce high quality coal include the following:

(i) Expediting development of ongoing projects and opening of new mines for production of coal grades required for steel etc.

(ii) Setting up of coal handling arrangements for supply of uniform quality of coal for power and other industries.

(iii) Modification and modernisation of existing coking coal washeries.

(iv) Setting up of new washeries for washing of coking coals for use of steel plants.

(v) Setting up of coal beneficiation projects for supply of beneficiated coal mainly for some of the distant power stations located more than 1000 Kms. from coalfields.

These measures have helped in reducing the deteriorating trend in quality coal production.

Corruption in CIL

5068. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Goovernment has been drawn to the news-items captioned "Corruption in Coal India alleged by Bengal body" as reported in "Ecomonic Times" dated 19th April, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the faulty implementation of computer network in Eastern Coolfields has severely affected a large number of small and medium industries drawing coal;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There is no fault in implementation of computer network in ECL. Computerised road sales system connects 23 different areas to ECL sales office at Calcutta. In the event of any breakdown in any unit, sales data is sent to Calcutta Sales Office by floppy through the company dak which takes only one day. This has benefitted the ECL and the consumers at large.

Privatisation of coal sector

5069. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the proposal to privatise coal mining sector;

(b) whether any steps have been taken; and

(c) which are the public sector mines ear-marked for privatisation, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c). There is no proposal to privatise coal mining sector by way of transfering public sector mines to private hands. However, conidering the need to augment power generation and to meet the additional fuel requirements of power sector during the eighth plan, the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 has been amended w.e.f. 09.06.1993 to allow private sector participation in coal mining for generation of power, for washing of coal obtained from a mine or for other end uses to be notified by Government from time to time in addition to the existing provisions for the production of iron and steel.

देश में कोयले का भंडार

5070. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे :
श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल :

क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कोयले का अनुमानित भंडार कितना है ।

(ख) क्या घटिया किस्म के कोयले का भंडार बढ़िया किस्म के कोयले के भंडार से अधिक है ,